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#### REMARKS

Claims 3-7 are pending in the instant application.

Claim 3 has been indicated to be allowable.

Claims 4-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection as it is believed that data relating to detecting the presence of cancer in the instant case can be routinely adapted by the skilled artisan to methods for detecting metastases, staging of cancer and monitoring of cancer.

However, in an earnest effort to advance the prosecution of this case, Applicants are canceling claims 4-7 without prejudice.

Accordingly, withdrawal of all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

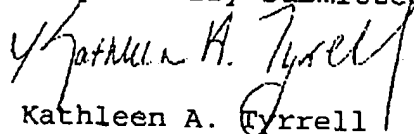
#### Conclusion

Applicants believe that the foregoing comprises a full and complete response to the Office Action of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the pending

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claims is earnestly solicited.

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